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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant submits herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

FOREIGN REFERENCES

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>PUBLICATION NO.</u>	<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u>
Russia	SU 93477A	01/01/1952

The above-listed Russian patent publication was recently cited in a Decision of Grant of a Patent from the Patent Office of the Russian Federation on January 24, 2008. It should be noted that all other prior art references cited in the Decision of Grant were previously cited in the instant application. While no English language equivalent is known to exist for the above-listed Russian patent publication, a brief summary of the disclosure follows:

Apparatus are known in the prior art for continuous vulcanizing and embossing of a pattern onto the surface of a sheet-like material (like for example artificial leather etc.) consisting of a heated rotating drum which is partially covered by a steel strip. However, an apparatus of that kind with only one single strip does not produce sufficient pressure for embossing complicated patterns on a relatively hard material. According to the invention this disadvantage is removed by the fact that the present invention is providing a cushion which is interacting with a strip or belt and thus producing an additional contact pressure of the material onto the surface of the drum by means of a hydraulic plunger.

Applicant is not aware of any other references to be identified at this time. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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